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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP: SCHEDULE

1. THE NIGERIAN CHIEF OF PROTOCOL GAVE AMBASSADOR EASUM
A DETAILED PROPOSED SCENARIO IN NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 14.
IT IS BEING SENT SEPTTEL FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY.

2. WE HAVE REVIEWED THAT PROPOSED SCHEDULE WITH
WHITE HOUSE STAFF AND NSC. FOLLOWING ARE OUR COMMENTS
TO WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S REACTIONS.

3. THERE CAN BE NO REPEAT NO CHANGE IN OUR ARRIVAL TIME
IN LAGOS WHICH REMAINS 1935 HOURS.

4. THERE WILL BE NO REPEAT NO VISIT TO KANO.

5. FOLLOWING THE BILATERAL MEETING WITH OBASANJO ON
THE MORNING OF FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, WHICH WE WOULD WANT
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TO KEEP TO ABOUT AN HOUR (OBASANJO HAS JUST BEEN HERE),
WE WOULD WISH -- DURING THE LATE MORNING -- TO CONSIDER
DOING THE SPEECH AT THE NATIONAL THEATER OR SOME OTHER
SUITABLE FORUM. IF THE SPEECH IS GIVEN AT THE THEATER,
WE WOULD WISH IT TO BE UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED AND WITH AN
AUDIENCE THAT HAS A UNIVERSITY FLAVOR, I.E. FACULTY AND

STUDENTS AND GUESTS.

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S THOUGHTS ON ANOTHER SITE FOR THE SPEECH, E.G. POSSIBLY AT A VILLAGE OUTSIDE LAGOS.

7. WE ARE INTERESTED IN WHAT COULD BE A SUITABLE LUNCHEON. WE NOTE IN LAGOS 11319 THE IDEA OF A LUNCH WITH THE CHIEF OF STAFF. WHERE WOULD THIS BE AND WHAT SORT OF OCCASION. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EMBASSY'S IDEAS ON OTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR THE LUNCH WHICH WE WOULD WANT TO HAVE AS A WORKING OCCASION.

8. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON A ONE TO TWO HOUR TRIP OUTSIDE LAGOS, E.G. TO A VILLAGE, PERHAPS TO ONE WITH AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE. A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE VILLAGE VISIT MIGHT BE A BOAT TRIP ON THE LAGOON.

9. WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING HAVING A BRIEF PRESIDENTIAL PRESS CONFERENCE EITHER TOWARD THE END OF THE AFTERNOON (PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE TIME) OR ON SATURDAY MORNING. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S THINKING ON THIS EVENT, WHERE IT COULD BE INCLUDED IN A PROPOSED SCHEDULE, WHERE IT MIGHT BE HELD AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE FACILITIES FOR THE CONFERENCE.
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10. ON THE MORNING OF SATURDAY, WE ARE CONSIDERING PUSHING THE DEPARTURE DATE BACK FROM 1000 TO 1100 HOURS. THIS IS STRICTLY TENTATIVE HOWEVER AND SHOULD NOT BE COMMUNICATED TO NIGERIANS AT THIS POINT.

11. IN RESPONDING TO ABOVE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS BY COB, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19. IN PROVIDING YOUR REACTIONS, PLEASE TRY TO PROVIDE US WITH A NEW TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE FULL VISIT BASED ON THE ABOVE PROPOSALS AND ANY MODIFICATIONS YOU MAY MAKE AFTER TOUCHING BASE WITH THE NIGERIANS. VANCE

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